

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 28, 2008 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 5-12 and 16-25 are pending. Claim 2-4 and 13-15 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

The Drawings stand objected to for not having descriptive labels. In response, replacement sheets have been provided with descriptive labels as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants request removal of this objection.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-18, 20-21 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S.P. No. 7,142,777).

Applicant appreciates the Examiner indication that claims 4, 7, 10, 15, 19 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claims 1, 12 and 23 have been amended to respectively include the limitations of claims 4, 15 and 22 and any intervention base claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

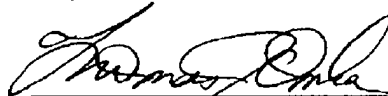
The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention,

however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103. In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration, and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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